(iv) Rs. 500 crore as a special venture capital type fund named as "Laghu Udyog Nirman Nidhi" for equity support.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(c) A number of recommendations of the Study Group have since been implemented through a Comprehensive Policy Package for the Small Scale Industries (SSIs) Sector announced on 30th August, 2000. The policy package for SSIs will strengthen the small scale sector and enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally through easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loans upto Rs. 25 lakhs, capital subsidy for technology upgradation and improved infrastructure.

Damage to SSI Units for Earth Quake in Gujarat

†4281. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether small scale industries and cottage industries have suffered heavy damage due to recent devastating earthquake in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the total damage caused in this regard; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by Government for development of affected small scale industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the latest information received from Government of Gujarat, 9,736 Small Scale Industries and 34,358 Cottage Industries have suffered damages due to the recent devastating earthquake. The total estimated damage buffered by these industries are Rs. 40574.2 lakhs and Rs. 7714 lakhs respectively. In addition, 1444 Small Salt Units are reported to be affected.

(c) A Central relief/rehabilitation package for SSI units affected in Gujarat earthquake has been announced on 16th May, 2001 by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries. The package comprises a total assistance of Rs. 376.55 crores from various Agencies viz., Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) besides, under the Central Plan Schemes, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

A special relief package of measures for persons/business affected by the earthquake in Gujarat has been announced by the Reserve Bank of India on 12th February, 2001. This includes freezing of recoveries and extension of new loans on liberal terms for SSIs in the affected areas. The Government of Gujarat has also announced a package for rehabilitation of earthquake affected industrial units including Small Scale and Cottage Industries on 25.02.2001. The package provides for SSI sector, the need based bankable loan assistance for two years, recovery of electricity charges on actual consumption basis for one year, exemption from stamp duty and assistance for repair of damaged building, plant and machinery. For Cottage Industries, the package provides assistance for tool kits for artisans, local self-employed and handicraft artisans, assistance for temporary sheds for artisans, providing infrastructure facilities in Rural Industry Development Centres and setting up of Handloom and Handicraft Parks.

Space Research and Development Centres in Rajasthan and Orissa

4282. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has any proposal to set up Research and Development Centres in Rajasthan and Orissa during 2001-2002 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take or have taken till date in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) ISRO does not have any proposal for setting up Research and Development Centres in Rajasthan and Orissa states during 2001-2002.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Norms and Guidelines for Satellite Communication

4283. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have announced "Norms and Guidelines for Satellite Communication" in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;